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**Testimony in Opposition to Raised Bill 6432: AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEMAKER
SERVICES AND HOMEMAKER COMPANION AGENCIES**
Committee on Labor and Public Employees
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I thank the Honorable Co-Chairs Senator and Representative Peter Tercyak, the Honorable Vice Chairs Senator Terry Gerratana and Representative Ezequiel Santiago and Ranking Members Senator Joe Markley and Representative Richard Smith, as well as the members of the Committee on Labor and Public Employees for their time today addressing concerns regarding this issue.

Home Care Registries are a safe, flexible and affordable alternative for families in need to provide care of a loved one by a screened, fully-vetted, independent caregiver, in many cases, on a 24/7 basis. These registries are registered with the Department of Consumer Protection and are held to the same standards as employee based agencies.

This matter has come to my attention from a constituent, Kevin Donahue, who I will respectfully turn my chair over to at this time and before I conclude by asking you consideration in recognizing the Home Care Registry business model as a care option that has merit. Before we legislate away a safe, flexible and affordable alternative to employee-agency care, I urge the members Committee on Labor and Public Employees to set aside RB 6342 in favor of SB 518 "AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY EMPLOYMENT ISSUES CONCERNING REGISTRIES IN THE HOMEMAKER AND COMPANION SERVICES INDUSTRY". That Bill creates a balanced task force that will address this very issue in depth. The task force will have adequate time, resources, and perspectives to properly review this issue and make the appropriate recommendations.

Thank you for your time this afternoon.